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SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREA--GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY DECREES

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PRESIDENT PAK HAS ISSUED TWO EMERGENCY DECREES THREATENING TO IMPRISON THOSE WHO PERSIST IN DEMANDING CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. THIS IS PAK'S FIRST DIRECT ACTION TO CURB CALLS FOR BASIC POLITICAL REFORM. IT WAS PROMPTED BY PETITIONS FOR REFORM AS WELL AS BY RECENT CRITICAL STATEMENTS BY SENIOR POLITICIANS. PAK IS GAMBLING THAT TOUGH MEASURES WILL SILENCE HIS CRITICS; CONCILIATORY GESTURES HAVE NOT. SIMILAR TOUGH STABES WORKED FOR PAK IN 1971 AND 1972. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, HIS OPPONENTS--PARTICULARLY, SOME CHRISTIANS AND INTELLECTUALS--ARE BETTER ORGANIZED AND SEEM MORE DETERMINED. IF THEY CHOOSE TO PURSUE THEIR CHALLENGE.

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